



News and Events in the 5th Grade  
December 19th, 2011  
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#### Important Dates

Dec. 1-31	Oak Park Public Library Art Show
Dec. 22	Snowman Shuffle
Dec. 23	Ethnic Fest
Dec 23 - Jan 26	Rocket into Reading
Dec 23 - Jan 9	Winter Break
Jan 16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### Dear Families,

The All-School BINGO celebration was an amazing success! Thank you to those fifth grade parents who volunteered! It was nice to have you there.

The 5th grade will be having a Winter Celebration on Friday, December 23rd in the Multipurpose room beginning at 1:30pm. Please see the email below which Jennifer Evans sent out last week. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher with any questions.

*Please reply to [jenniferevans1@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferevans1@comcast.net) to tell us what bite sized food item that serves 20 or so people you are planning to bring. NO nuts please. We could also use drinks or napkins if you don't want to cook. Card stock paper will be coming home soon [on Monday]. Students can use this to label their food and decorate with a picture, fun fact, proverb, or landmark etc. about the region their food comes from.*

For those students who have a Lexia Reading account, it is now available at the Oak Park Public Library (Main Branch)! Students may access Lexia Reading on the homework hub machine, located in Study Room 1A in the Children's Department. We would really appreciate your assistance in providing your student with the opportunity to use Lexia at least twice per week at home.

A brief reminder that students are not allowed to have medicine at school without a doctor order, including students who are self-carrying inhalers. Please contact our school nurse, Ms. Rossi with any questions.

#### Specials

**Art** - Most 5th Graders have artwork on display at the Oak Park Public Library through the month of December. Come see our surrealistic self-portraits completed in the style of Renaissance artist Arcimboldo Giuseppe. The artwork is downstairs in the "Art Alcove" in the Children's Section. [www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com)

**Music** - The 5th Grade Specials Night is coming on Tuesday, February 7th. Please save the date! (More information to come later)

**Spanish** - Students are working with the story *Carlos y los Tres Monstruos*.

[www.mpoleski.blogspot.com](http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com)

**Library** - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.



### **Reading/Literature**

#### **TREASURES - UNIT 2 ASSESSMENT**

Students will take the Treasures Unit 2 assessment on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Thursday and Friday, students will create holiday booklets.

### **Language Arts/Writing**

**Writing Assignment:** Last week, students began typing their feasibility reports. Students will have time in-class on Monday and Tuesday to continue typing their report;

however, if they do not finish the report in class by Thursday, they may have to do some work on it at home. Students have saved their reports on GoogleDocs, which can be accessed at the following link. <http://www.op97.org/students/Google-Tools.cfm>

### **Math**

Students will be completing the fraction addition and subtraction test today and graded tests will be returned to students by the end of the week. This week, we will continue to work with rational numbers by working on a holiday meal project. Students will be working in groups to plan a holiday meal menu. They will be doubling a recipe and taking a look at the nutritional value of the items on the menu.

### **Science**

We will spend this week completing the Feasibility Reports. The reports are on Google Docs, so students and parents should be able to access the reports from home. Final reports are due this Friday.

### **Social Studies**

Students are working in groups to "advertise" to the English why they should relocate to their particular region of the colonies. The three groups include New England, the Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies. The finished posters will feature benefits of each region, including climates, products, and geography. Students also are working on refining their rough draft in class and will take them home over the break to continue working.

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